



## Middlefield Community Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you all at the end of a very busy and challenging week for everybody! Following the extremely late announcement by the Prime Minister on Monday that schools were to close to **most** children, many things have been achieved.

### **Home Learning**

Since Wednesday, teachers are now providing daily high quality online teaching and activities for all children unable to attend school. To assist with this, school has now delivered 74 laptops or tablets, with more to follow! I hope that children and parents have found these useful and enjoyable. To assist with home learning, Mrs Wood is now organising 1:1 sessions for identified children, which will begin next week. If you need any resources to help with this, please do not hesitate to contact us!

For those of you supervising home learning- we appreciate how stressful this can be and we are extremely grateful for the support you are providing!

### **Free School Meals**

Over 50 free school meal care packages have been provided to eligible children and families. These continue to be available every week to any eligible child who is unable to attend school. At the moment, we are still awaiting confirmation of whether the government will be funding a voucher scheme.

### **Supporting children in school**

At present, we have 76 children attending school. We are extremely pleased to be able to support our most vulnerable children and also the children of critical workers. The criteria for this is available on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We will continue to do all that we can to accommodate children who meet these descriptions. However this must be done safely. Schools were closed to **most** pupils for a

very good reason- in order to break chains of transmission and to lessen the contact people have with others. Whilst we appreciate that supervising online learning can be extremely tough, I would encourage all parents to persevere with this. Covid rates in Liverpool are alarmingly high and continuing to rise dangerously and rapidly. **Whilst many parents may be eligible for a child to attend, this does not mean that all should take a place.** I would urge parents to consider if safe alternative arrangements are available before enrolling their child.

We miss having all of our wonderful children here in school- it really is not the same without them! However, minimising the number of children and adults on site is absolutely vital in the fight against COVID19 in this community.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Stay Safe!

Warmest Regards

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher